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SUBJ: CIVAIR: PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

REFS: (A) STATE 145585, (B) PARIS 18148, (C) STATE 141925

- 1. DE SEDOUY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED MINECON ON JUNE 9 PRIMARILY TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER MATTER BUT ALSO TO MENTION THE PAN AM PROBLEM. HE WAS AWARE OF THE GIST OF THE KATZ-BOYER DISCUSSION REPORTED IN REFTELS, ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A DETAILED REPORT.
- 2. DE SEDOUY SAID THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOW HAVE TO SEE WHAT ITS NEXT MOVE WOULD BE. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT FRANCE CONSIDERS THE PROPOSED RETALIATION AGAINST AIR FRANCE EXCESSIVE. IN VIEW OF THIS COMMENT, WE READ HIM THE U.S. ANSWER IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL C. WE EMPHASIZED THAT PAN AM IS SUFFERING A LOSS WITH EVERY PASSING DAY WHEREAS NO AIR FRANCE FLIGHT HAS YET BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. WE SAID THAT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ONLY REINFORCED OUR VIEW ON THE NEED TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM BY ARBITRATION AS THE U.S. HAD PROPOSED. DE SEDOUY REPLIED THAT FRANCE MIGHT ULTIMATELY DECIDE ON ARBITRATION. IF SO, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD WANT ARBITRATION NOT ONLY ON

WHETHER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT PERMITS CHANGE OF GAUGE BUT ALSO ON THE VALIDITY OF U.S. PART 213 PROCEDURES UNDER THE AGREEMENT. HARTMAN

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